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SUMMARY: CONTINUED SENIOR POLADS DISCUSSION MARCH 22 OF
MANDATE FOR COORDINATING COMMITTEE REVEALED SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT
FOR AMENDED UK LANGUAGE (USNATO 1201 AND 1329). UK REP THOUGHT
US SUGGESTION FOR REVISION OF UK MANDATE WAS TOO SPECIFIC AND
WOULD CREATE NEGOTIATING DIFFICULTIES. FRENCH REP ASKED
ALLIES CONSIDER PROPOSAL THAT FOLLOW- UP FOCUS ON SECOND CSCE
RATHER THAN INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AND SUGGESTED THAT MANDATE
PER SE NOT NEEDED FOR COORDINATING COMMITTEE. FRG REP PRESENTED
SCHEME FOR TACTICAL HANDLING OF MANDATE WHICH GAINED WIDE
SUPPORT. DISCUSSION WILL RESUME MARCH 29 ON BASIS IS BLUE.
END SUMMARY.

1. US REP PRESENTED REVISION OF UK DRAFT MANDATE PER REFTTEL,
ASIDE FROM UK REP'S REMARK THAT US LANGUAGE WAS TOO SPECIFIC IN
EXCLUDING ITEM 1. TO WHICH THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE REACTION.
SEVERAL DELS INDICATED SUPPORT FOR UK MANDATE, AS AMENDED BY FRENCH.
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2. FRG REP SUGGESTED THAT PAPER TABLED IN MPT MARCH 13 BY
FRENCH DEL ON COORDINATING COMMITTEE WAS ADEQUATE FOR MOMENT.

AS NEXT STEP AND FOLLOWING DISCUSSION OF " BASKET" FOUR, FRG REP SAID ALLIES SHOULD TABLE SECOND HALF OF UK MANDATE, PRESENTING THIS AS MAJOR CONCESSION. SEVERAL DELS SUPPORTED FRG SCENARIO. US REP SUGGESTED US ONE- LINE REFERENCE TO " FOLLOW- UP TO A CONFERENCE" COULD BE AN INITIAL NEGOTIATING POSITION, TO BE FOLLOWED, IF NECESSARY, BY THE UK AMENDED LANGUAGE. IN SUPPORTING AMENDED UK DRAFT MANDATE, SEVERAL DELS MAINTAINED THAT REFERENCE IN US DRAFT TO CONSIDERATION OF FOLLOW- UP WOULD NOT SATISFY SOVIETS. FRENCH REP AGREED WITH LATTER POINT AND SUPPORTED UK PAPER. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, CONTRADICTORY VIEWS AMONG ALLIES ON TIMING OF ANY PROPOSAL TO ENTRUST CONSIDERATION OF FOLLOW- UP TO COORDINATING COMMITTEE. HE ADDED THAT FRANCE DID NOT BELIEVE ALLIES SHOULD TAKE INITIATIVE IN HIS AREA BUT RATHER HAVE PROPOSALS IN RESERVE TO USE AT PROPER MOMENT. IN VIEW DIFFERENT NATURE OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE, FRENCH REP SUGGESTED THAT LISTING OF ITS FUNCTIONS SHOULD NOT BE CALLED " MANDATE", BUT DID NOT SUGGEST ALTERNATIVE TERMINOLOGY. FINALLY, FRENCH REP REFERRED TO PROPOSAL IN FRENCH PAPER ON COORDINATING COMMITTEE (USNATO 1008) THAT SECOND CSCE BE CONSIDERED FOLLOW- UP TO THE FIRST AND ASKED TO COMMENT ON THIS SUGGESTION, WHICH HE SAID MINIMIZED RISKS INHERENT IN FOLLOW- UP. (COMMENT: FRENCH HAVE BEEN PUSHING FOR SOME TIME IDEA THAT FOCUSING ATTENTION OF FOLLOW- UP ON SECOND CSCE WAS LEAST DAMAGING SOLUTION TO PROBLEM FROM ALLED POINT OF VIEW. WE HAVE PRIVATELY TOLD THE FRENCH THAT WE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO CONTEMPLATE A SECOND CSCE WHEN THE FIRST HAS NOT YET BEGUN AND SUGGESTED THAT AGREEING TO SECOND CSCE COULD, IN EFFECT, MEAN AGREEING TO SERIES OF MEETINGS WHICH WOULD AMONT TO PERMANENT MACHINERY. DEPARTMENT' S REACTION REQUESTED FOR MARCH 29 MEETING. END COMMENT).

3. IS WILL NOW DO DRAFT PAPER CONTAINING ALTERNATIVE MANDATE PROPOSALS WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED AT MARCH 29 MEETING.
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